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SUBJ: CANADIANS TO INAUGURATE CIVIL AIR SERVICE TO CHINA IN MAY?

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1. ACCORDING TO THE HONG KONG STANDARD, MARCH 13, MR.R.A. KEITH, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES, (CPA), STATED HERE THIS WEEK THAT CPA WOULD SOON INAUGURATE A WEEKLY DC-8 SERVICE BETWEEN VANCOUVER, SHANGHAI, AND PEKING, THE DATE TENTATIVELY SET BEING MAY 4. KEITH ALSO SAID THE SERVICE WOULD BE DIRECT, WITH ONLY A REFUELING STOP IN ALASKA; THAT THE CANADIAN TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WHICH WENT TO CHINA LAST OCTOBER HAD WORKED OUT MOST OF THE TECHNICAL DETAILS INVOLVED; AND , THAT CHINA PROBABLY IS NOT YET READY TO OPEN A SIMILAR SERVICE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT CHINA HAS THE RIGHT TO FLY TO CANADA UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SINO-CANADIAN AIR AGREEMENT.

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2. A CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION SOURCE TOLD THE CONGEN

MARCH 13 THAT THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT DISCUSSIONS LOOKING TOWARD INAUGURAL OF CPA SERVICE, BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT SERVICE COULD BE INAUGURATED AS EARLY AS MAY 4. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT YET FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS.

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